

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**TAYLOR ET AL.**

Serial No.: **10/767,647**

Filed: **JANUARY 29, 2004**

Title: **"METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR  
TREATING SUBTERRANEAN  
FORMATIONS WITH GELLED  
HYDROCARBON FLUIDS"**

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Group Art Unit: **1712**

Examiner: **BATES, ZAKIYA W.**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED DECEMBER 8, 2006**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 8, 2006 (the "Final Office Action"), Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections. Because this response has been filed within two months of when the Final Office Action was issued, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue an advisory action if the Examiner does not find the claims to be allowable in light of the amendments and remarks made herein.

In response to the Final Office Action, Applicants submit the following:

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 13 of this paper.